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CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A compound of formula (I):



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(I)

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof,

wherein

the α -nitrogen of AA^1 , AA^2 , AA^3 , AA^{3b} , AA^4 , AA^5 , AA^6 , AA^7 , AA^{7b} , and AA^8 each is, independently, optionally substituted with (C_{1-4}) alkyl, (C_{3-4}) alkenyl,

10 (C_{3-4}) alkynyl, or (C_{1-6}) alkyl-C(O)-;

AA^1 is absent or the D- or L-isomer of an amino acid selected from the group consisting of R^{11} , Aac, Aic, Arg, Asn, Asp, Dip, Gln, Glu, Hca, Hyp, Lys, Mac, Macab, Orn, Pro, Ser, Ser(Bzl), Thr, Thr(Bzl), Pip, hArg, Bip, Bpa, Tic, Cmp, Inc, Inp, Nip, Ppc, Htic, Thi, Tra, Cmpi, Tpr, lia, Alla, Aba, Gba, Car, Ipa, Iaa, Inip, Apa, Mim, Thnc, Sala, Aala, Thza, Thia, Bal, Fala, Pala, Dap, Agly, Pgly, Ina, Dipa, Mnf, Inic, C4c, 5-Iqs, Htqa, 4-Mqc, Thn, α -Chpa, Cit, Nua, Pyp and an optionally substituted aromatic α -amino acid;

wherein said optionally substituted aromatic α -amino acid is optionally substituted with one or more substituents each independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, NO_2 , OH, CN, (C_{1-6}) alkyl, (C_{2-6}) alkenyl, (C_{2-6}) alkynyl, (C_{1-6}) alkoxy, Bzl, O-Bzl, and NR^9R^{10} ;

AA^2 is absent or the D- or L-isomer of an amino acid selected from the group consisting of R^{11} , Aic, Arg, Hca, His, Hyp, Pal, F_5 -Phe, Phe, Pro, Trp, and X^0 -Phe Pip, hArg, Bip, Bpa, Tic, Cmp, , Inc, Inp, Nip, Ppc, Htic, Thi, Tra, Cmpi, Tpr, lia, Alla, Aba, Gba, Car, Ipa, Iaa, Inip, Apa, Mim, Thnc, Sala, Aala, Thza, Thia, Bal, Fala, Pala, Dap, Agly, Pgly, Ina, Dipa, Mnf, Inic, I-Iqc, 3-Iqc, C4c, 5-Iqs, Htqa, 4-Mqc, Thn, α -Chpa, Cit, Nua, and Pyp;

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- AA³ is the D- or L-isomer of an amino acid selected from the group consisting of Cys, hCys, Pen, Tpa, Tmpa, Mac, Macab, and an optionally substituted aromatic α -amino acid;
- wherein said optionally substituted aromatic α -amino acid is optionally
- 5 substituted with one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen, NO₂, OH, CN, (C₁₋₄)alkyl, (C₂₋₄)alkenyl, (C₂₋₄)alkynyl, (C₁₋₄)alkoxy, Bzl, O-Bzl, NR⁹R¹⁰, Pip, hArg, Bip, Bpa, Tic, Cmp, , Inc, Inp, Nip, Ppc, Htic, Thi, Tra, Cmpi, Tpr, , lia, Alla, Aba, Gba, Car, Ipa, Iaa, Inip, Apa, Mim, Thnc, Sala, Aala, Thza, Thia, Bal, Fala, Pala, Dap, Agly, Pgly, Ina, Dipa, Mnf, Inic,
- 10 I-lqc, 3-lqc, C4c, 5-lqs, Htqa, 4-Mqc, Thn, α -Chpa, Cit, Nua, and Pyp; AA^{3b} is absent or the D- or L-isomer of an amino acid selected from the group consisting of Pal, 4-Pal, His, Arg, Nal, Trp, Bpa, F₅-Phe, Phe, X⁰-Phe, R¹¹, hArg, Bip, Tic, , Htic, Dip, Sala, Aala, Thza, Thia, Bal, Fala, and Pala;
- AA⁴ is a D- or L-isomer of an optionally substituted amino acid or of an
- 15 optionally substituted aromatic α -amino acid;
- wherein said optionally substituted amino acid is selected from the group consisting of Trp, Lys, Orn, hLys, *cis*-4-Acha, *trans*-4-Acha, *trans*-4-Amcha, 4-Pip-Gly, N-Met-Trp, β -Met-Trp, His, hHis, hArg, Bip, Tic, Htic, Dip, Sala, Aala, Thza, Thia, Bal, Fala, Pala, and 4-Pip-Ala;
- 20 wherein the side chain amino group of said optionally substituted amino acid is optionally substituted with R³ and R⁴; and
- wherein said optionally substituted aromatic α -amino acid is optionally substituted with one or more substituents each independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, NO₂, OH, CN, (C₁₋₄)alkyl, (C₂₋
- 25 ₄)alkenyl, (C₂₋₄)alkynyl, Bzl, O-Bzl, and NR⁹R¹⁰;
- AA⁵ is absent, R¹¹, Aic, A3c, A4c, A5c, A6c, Abu, Aib, β -Ala, Bpa, Cha, Deg, Gaba, Ile, Leu, Nal, Nle, Pro, Sar, Ser, Ser(Bzl), Thr, Thr(Bzl), Trp, Val, Pal, F₅-Phe, Phe, X⁰-Phe, or an optionally substituted D- or L- isomer of an amino acid selected from the group consisting of 4-Pip-Gly, 4-Pip-Ala, *cis*-4-Acha,

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trans-4-Acha, *trans*-4-Amcha, hLys, Lys, Orn, hArg, Bip, Tic, , Htic, Dip, Sala, Aala, Thza, Thia, Bal, Fala, and Pala; wherein the side-chain amino group of said optionally substituted amino acid is optionally mono- or di-substituted with R³ and R⁴;

- 5 AA⁶ is absent or the D- or L-isomer of an amino acid selected from the group consisting of R¹¹, an optionally substituted aromatic α -amino acid, Cys, hCys, Pen, Tpa, Tmpa, Thr, Thr(Bzl), Ser, Ser(Bzl), hArg, Bip, Tic, , Htic, Dip, Sala, Aala, Thza, Thia, Bal, Fala, and Pala;

- AA⁷ is absent or the D- or L-isomer of an amino acid selected from the group
10 consisting of R¹¹, an optionally substituted aromatic α -amino acid, A3c, A4c, A5c, A6c, Abu, Aib, Aic, β -Ala, Arg, Cha, Deg, Gaba, Ile, Leu, Nle, Pip, Pro, Sar, Ser, Ser(Bzl), Thr, Thr(Bzl), Val, Tic, Htic, Sala, Aala, Thza, Thia, Bal, Fala, Pala, hArg, Bip, Bpa, Dip, Pal, Sala, and X⁰-Phe;

- AA^{7b} is absent or a D- or L-isomer of an amino acid selected from the group
15 consisting of R¹¹, Bpa, Phe, F₅-Phe, X⁰-Phe, Nal, Pro, Ser, Ser(Bzl), Thr, Thr(Bzl), Trp, hArg, Bip, Tic, Htic, Dip, Sala, Aala, Thza, Thia, Bal, Fala, and Pala;

- AA⁸ is absent or the D- or L- isomer of an amino acid selected from the group consisting of R¹¹, Maa, Maaab, Thr, Thr(Bzl), Ser, Ser(Bzl), Tyr,
20 Phe(4-O-Bzl), F₅-Phe, and X⁵-Phe, and an optionally substituted aromatic α -amino acid;

R¹ and R² each is, independently, H, E-, E(O)₂S-, E(O)C-, EOOC-, R¹³, or absent;

- R³ and R⁴ each is, independently, (C₁₋₁₂)alkyl, (C₂₋₁₂)alkenyl, (C₂₋₁₂)alkynyl,
25 phenyl, naphthyl, phenyl-(C₁₋₆)alkyl, phenyl-(C₂₋₆)alkenyl, phenyl-(C₂₋₆)alkynyl, naphthyl-(C₁₋₆)alkyl, naphthyl-(C₂₋₆)alkenyl, naphthyl-(C₂₋₆)alkynyl, (cyclo(C₃₋₇)alkyl)-(C₁₋₆)alkyl, (cyclo(C₃₋₇)alkyl)-(C₂₋₆)alkenyl, (cyclo(C₃₋₇)alkyl)-(C₂₋₆)alkynyl, heterocyclyl-(C₁₋₄)alkyl, heterocyclyl-(C₂₋₄)alkenyl, heterocyclyl-(C₂₋

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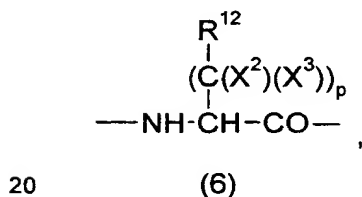
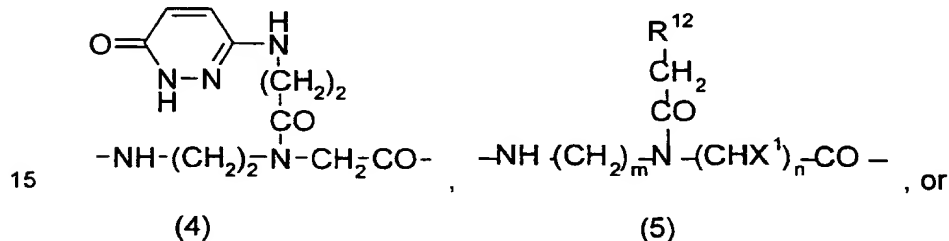
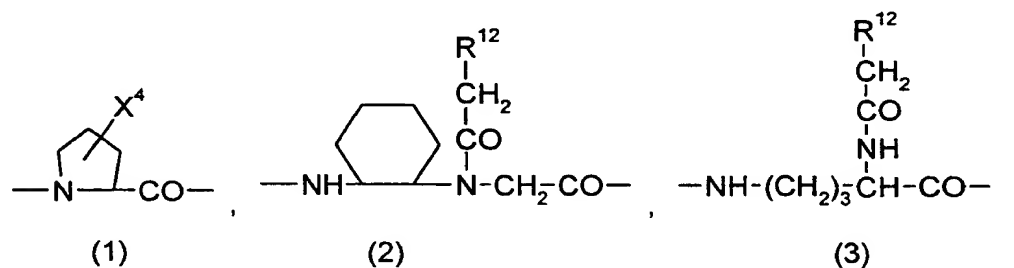
alkynyl, 1-adamantyl, 2-adamantyl, 9-fluorenylmethyl, dicyclopropylmethyl, dimethylcyclopropylmethyl, or benzhydryl;

R^5 is $-OR^6$, $-NR^7R^8$, or absent,

wherein each R^6 , R^7 and R^8 is, independently, H, (C_{1-12}) alkyl, (C_{2-12}) alkenyl, (C_{2-12}) alkynyl, phenyl, naphthyl, phenyl- (C_{1-6}) alkyl, phenyl- (C_{2-6}) alkenyl, phenyl- (C_{2-6}) alkynyl, naphthyl- (C_{1-6}) alkyl, naphthyl- (C_{2-6}) alkenyl, naphthyl- (C_{2-6}) alkynyl, 1-adamantyl, 2-adamantyl, 9-fluorenylmethyl, dicyclopropylmethyl, dimethylcyclopropylmethyl, or benzhydryl;

R^9 and R^{10} each is, independently, H, (C_{1-6}) alkyl, (C_{3-4}) alkenyl, (C_{3-4}) alkynyl, 1-adamantyl, or 2-adamantyl;

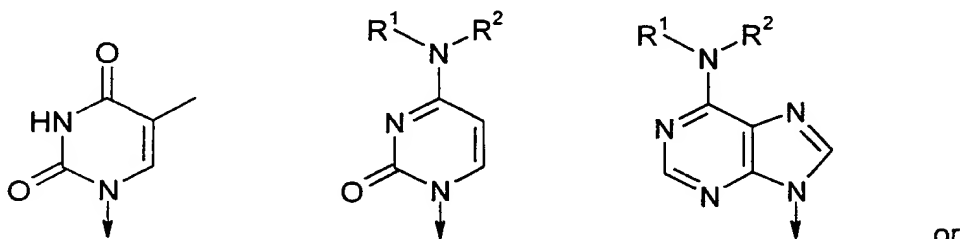
R^{11} is, independently for each occurrence, a D- or L-amino acid of the formula:



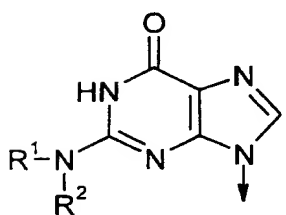
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wherein m and n each is, independently, 1, 2, or 3, and p is 0, 1, or 2;

R¹² is, independently for each occurrence, an optionally substituted moiety of the formula:

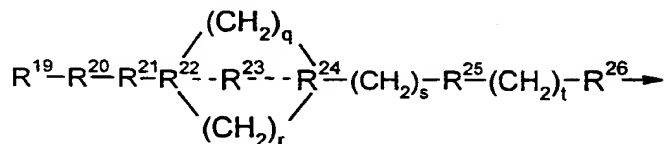


or



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R¹³ is a moiety of the formula



wherein q, r, s, and t each is, independently, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5;

R¹⁹ is absent, H, NH₂, OH, (C₁₋₆)hydroxyalkyl, N(R²⁷R²⁸), SO₃H, or an optionally substituted moiety selected from the group consisting of heterocyclyl, phenyl and naphthyl,

wherein the optionally substituted moiety defined for R¹⁹ is optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected, independently for each occurrence, from the group consisting of halogen, NO₂, OH, (C₁₋₆)alkyl, (C₂₋₆)alkenyl, (C₂₋₆)alkynyl, (C₁₋₆)alkoxy, NH₂, mono- or di-(C₁₋₆)alkylamino, Bzl, and O-Bzl;

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R²⁰ is O or absent;

R²¹ is (C₁₋₆)alkyl or absent;

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R²² is N, O, C, or CH;

R²³ is (C₁₋₆)alkyl or absent,

R²⁴ is N, CH, or C;

R²⁵ is NH, O, or absent;

5 R²⁶ is SO₂, CO, or CH;

R²⁷ and R²⁸ each is, independently, H or (C₁₋₆)alkyl;

E is, independently for each occurrence, an optionally substituted moiety selected from the group consisting of (C₁₋₁₂)alkyl, (C₂₋₁₂)alkenyl, (C₂₋₁₂)alkynyl, phenyl, naphthyl, phenyl-(C₁₋₆)alkyl, phenyl-(C₂₋₆)alkenyl, phenyl-(C₂₋₆)alkynyl, 10 naphthyl-(C₁₋₆)alkyl, naphthyl-(C₂₋₆)alkenyl, naphthyl-(C₂₋₆)alkynyl, (cyclo(C₃₋₇)alkyl)-(C₁₋₆)alkyl, (cyclo(C₃₋₇)alkyl)-(C₂₋₆)alkenyl, (cyclo(C₃₋₇)alkyl)-(C₂₋₆)alkynyl, heterocyclyl-(C₁₋₄)alkyl, heterocyclyl-(C₂₋₄)alkenyl, heterocyclyl-(C₂₋₄)alkynyl, 1-adamantyl, 2-adamantyl, dicyclopropylmethyl, dimethylcyclopropylmethyl, 9-fluorenylmethyl, and benzhydryl;

15 wherein the optionally substituted moiety defined for E is optionally substituted with one or more substituents each independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, OH, Bzl, O-Bzl, NO₂, CN, COOH, and SH;

X⁰ is halogen, NO₂, OH, (C₁₋₆)alkyl, (C₁₋₆)alkoxy, mono- or di-(C₁₋₆)alkylamino, Bzl, O-Bzl, NR⁹R¹⁰, or CN;

20 X¹ is H, (C₁₋₆)alkyl, (C₂₋₆)alkenyl, (C₂₋₆)alkynyl, indolyl, imidazolyl, 1-naphthyl, 3-pyridyl, optionally ring-substituted benzyl, or a moiety which corresponds to the side-chain group of Arg, Leu, Gln, Lys, Tyr, His, Thr, Trp, Phe, Val, Ala, Lys, or His;

25 wherein said optionally ring-substituted benzyl is optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen, OH, (C₁₋₆)alkoxy, mono- or di-(C₁₋₆)alkylamino, (C₁₋₄)alkyl, (C₂₋₄)alkenyl, (C₂₋₄)alkynyl, and NR⁹R¹⁰;

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X^2 and X^3 each is, independently, H, halogen, OH, =O, =S, (C_{1-12}) alkyl, (C_{2-12}) alkenyl, (C_{2-12}) alkynyl, phenyl, naphthyl, phenyl- (C_{1-6}) alkyl, phenyl- (C_{2-6}) alkenyl, phenyl- (C_{2-6}) alkynyl, naphthyl- (C_{1-6}) alkyl, naphthyl- (C_{2-6}) alkenyl, naphthyl- (C_{2-6}) alkynyl, (cyclo (C_{3-7}) alkyl)- (C_{1-6}) alkyl, (cyclo (C_{3-7}) alkyl)- (C_{2-6}) alkenyl, (cyclo (C_{3-7}) alkyl)- (C_{2-6}) alkynyl, heterocyclyl- (C_{1-4}) alkyl, heterocyclyl- (C_{2-4}) alkenyl, heterocyclyl- (C_{2-4}) alkynyl, 1-adamantyl, 2-adamantyl, dicyclopropylmethyl, or dimethylcyclopropyl methyl;

X^4 is H, OH, or NH_2 ; and

X^5 is halogen, NO_2 , CH_3 , OH, Bzl or O-Bzl;

provided that:

at least six amino acid residues are present;

when AA^3 is a D- or L-isomer of an amino acid selected from the group consisting of Cys, hCys, Pen, Tpa, or Tmpa, and AA^6 is a D- or L-isomer of an amino acid selected from the group consisting of Cys, hCys, Pen, Tpa, or Tmpa, then AA^3 and AA^6 are connected by a disulfide bond;

when AA^1 or AA^3 is a D- or L-isomer of an amino acid selected from the group consisting of Mac or Macab, then AA^8 is a D- or L-isomer of an amino acid selected from the group consisting of Maa and Maaab, and when AA^8 is a D- or L-isomer of an amino acid selected from the group consisting of Maa and Maaab, then AA^1 or AA^3 is a D- or L-isomer of Mac or of Macab, and AA^1 or AA^3 is connected by a disulfide bond with AA^8 ;

AA^2 can be D- or L-Hca only when AA^1 is absent;

when one of R^1 or R^2 is $E(O)_2S-$, $E(O)C-$, $EOOC-$, or R^{13} , the other is H;

when R^5 is absent, then one of R^1 or R^2 is also absent, and the N-terminal amino acid and C-terminal amino acid together form an amide bond;

when one of X^2 or X^3 is $C=O$ or $C=S$, the other is absent; and

said compound of formula (I) is not of the formula:

D-Phe-Tyr-cyclo(D-Cys-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Abu-Thr- NH_2 ;

Ac-Phe-Tyr-cyclo(D-Cys-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Abu-Thr- NH_2 ;

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L-4-NO₂-Phe-Tyr-cyclo(D-Cys-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Abu-Thr-NH₂;

Ac-L-4-NO₂-Phe-Tyr-cyclo(D-Cys-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Abu-Thr-NH₂;

Hca-Tyr-cyclo(D-Cys-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Abu-Thr-NH₂;

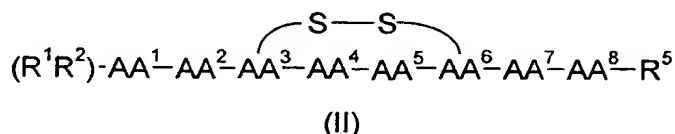
D-Dip-Tyr-cyclo(Cys-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)-Val-Nal-NH₂;

5 D-4-NO₂-Phe-Phe(4-O-Bzl)-cyclo(D-Cys-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)Cha-Nal-NH₂;

or

D-4-NO₂-Phe-cyclo(D-Cys-Phe(4-O-Bzl)-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Val-Tyr-NH₂.

2. A compound according to claim 1, wherein said compound is of
10 formula (II):



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof,

wherein

15 AA¹ is absent or the D- or L-isomer of an amino acid selected from the group consisting of R¹¹, Aac, Aic, Arg, Asn, Asp, Dip, Gln, Glu, Hyp, Lys, Mac, Macab, Orn, Pip, Pro, Ser, Ser(Bzl), Thr, Thr(Bzl), Pip, hArg, Bip, Bpa, Tic, Cmp, , Inc, Inp, Nip, Ppc, Htic, Thi, Tra, Cmpi, Tpr, , lia, Alla, Aba, Gba, Car, Ipa, Iaa, Inip, Apa, Mim, Thnc, Sala, Aala, Thza, Thia, Bal, Fala, Pala, Dap,
20 Agly, Pgly, Ina, Dipa, Mnf, Inic, I-lqc, 3-lqc, C4c, 5-lqs, Htqa, 4-Mqc, Thn, α-Chpa, Cit, Nua, Pyp and an optionally substituted aromatic α-amino acid,

wherein said optionally substituted aromatic α-amino acid is optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen, NO₂, OH, CN, (C₁₋₆)alkyl, (C₂₋₆)alkenyl, (C₂₋₆)alkynyl,

25 and NR⁹R¹⁰;

AA² is absent or the D- or L-isomer of an amino acid selected from the group consisting of R¹¹, Aic, Arg, Hca, His, Hyp, Pal, F₅-Phe, Phe, Pro, Trp, X⁰-Phe, Pip, hArg, Bip, Bpa, Tic, Cmp, , Inc, Inp, Nip, Ppc, Htic, Thi, Tra, Cmpi, Tpr, ,

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lia, Alla, Aba, Gba, Car, Ipa, Iaa, Inip, Apa, Mim, Thnc, Sala, Aala, Thza, Thia, Bal, Fala, Pala, Dap, Agly, Pgly, Ina, Dipa, Mnf, Inic, I-Iqc, 3-Iqc, C4c, 5-Iqs, Htqa, 4-Mqc, Thn, α -Chpa, Cit, Nua, and Pyp; AA³ is the D- or L-isomer of an amino acid selected from the group consisting of Cys, hCys,

5 Pen, Tpa and Tmpa;

AA⁴ is a D- or L-isomer of an amino acid selected from the group consisting of Trp, N-Met-Trp, β -Met-Trp, His, hHis, hArg, Bip, Tic, , Htic, Dip, Sala, Aala, Thza, Thia, Bal, Fala, Pala, and an optionally substituted aromatic α -amino acid,

10 wherein said optionally substituted aromatic α -amino acid is optionally substituted with one or more substituents each independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, NO₂, OH, (C₁₋₄)alkyl, (C₂₋₄)alkenyl, (C₂₋₄)alkynyl, Bzl, O-Bzl, and NR⁹R¹⁰;

AA⁵ is a D- or L-isomer of an amino acid selected from the group consisting
15 of 4-Pip-Gly, 4-Pip-Ala, *cis*-4-Acha, *trans*-4-Acha, *trans*-4-Amcha, hLys, Lys, Orn, hArg, Bip, Tic, , Htic, Dip, Sala, Aala, Thza, Thia, Bal, Fala, and Pala,
wherein the side-chain amino group of said amino acid is optionally mono- or di-substituted with R³ and R⁴;

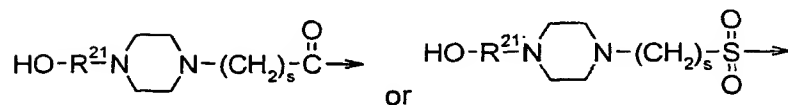
AA⁶ is a D- or L-isomer of an amino acid selected from the group consisting
20 of Cys, hCys, Pen, Tpa, and Tmpa;

AA⁷ is absent or a D- or L-isomer of an amino acid selected from the group consisting of R¹¹, Aic, A3c, A4c, A5c, A6c, Abu, Aib, β -Ala, Arg, Bpa, Cha, Deg, Gaba, His, Ile, Leu, Nal, Nle, Pal, Phe, F₅-Phe, Pro, Sar, Ser, Ser(Bzl), Thr, Thr(Bzl), Trp, N-Me-Trp, Val, N-Me-Val, hArg, Bip, Tic, , Htic, Dip, Sala,
25 Aala, Thza, Thia, Bal, Fala, Pala, and X⁰-Phe ;

AA⁸ is absent or the D- or L-isomer of an amino acid selected from the group consisting of R¹¹, an optionally substituted aromatic α -amino acid, Maa, Maaab, Ser, Ser(Bzl), Thr, Thr(Bzl), Tyr, Phe(4-O-Bzl), F₅-Phe, and X⁵-Phe;

R¹³ is a moiety according to the formula

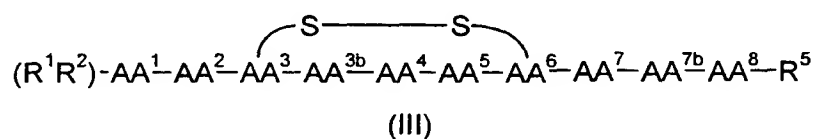
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wherein R^{21} is (C_{1-4}) alkyl and s is 1, 2, 3, or 4; and
 X^0 is halogen, NO_2 , CH_3 , OH , Bzl , O-Bzl or CN ;
 provided that at least one of AA^7 or AA^8 is present.

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3. A compound according to claim 1, wherein said compound is of formula (III):



10 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof,
 wherein

AA^1 is absent or the D- or L-isomer of an amino acid selected from the group consisting of R^{11} , Aac, Aic, Arg, Asn, Asp, Gln, Glu, Hca, His, Hyp, Lys, Mac, Macab, Orn, Pro, Ser, Ser(Bzl), Thr, Thr(Bzl), Pip, hArg, Bip, Bpa, Tic, Cmp, Inc, Inp, Nip, Ppc, Htic, Thi, Tra, Cmpi, Tpr, , lia, Alla, Aba, Gba, Car, Ipa, Iaa, Inip, Apa, Mim, Thnc, Sala, Aala, Thza, Thia, Bal, Fala, Pala, Dap, Agly, Pgly, Ina, Dipa, Mnf, Inic, I-lqc, 3-lqc, C4c, 5-lqs, Htqa, 4-Mqc, Thn, α -Chpa, Cit, Nua, Pyp and an optionally substituted aromatic α -amino acid,

20 wherein said optionally substituted aromatic α -amino acid is optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen, NO_2 , OH , CN , (C_{1-6}) alkyl, (C_{2-6}) alkenyl, (C_{2-6}) alkynyl, and NR^9R^{10} ;

AA^3 is a D- or L-isomer of an amino acid selected from the group consisting of Cys, hCys, Pen, Tpa, and Tmpa;

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AA^{3b} is the D- or L-isomer of an amino acid selected from the group consisting of R¹¹, Arg, Bpa, F₅-Phe, His, Nal, Pal, 4-Pal, Phe, Trp, hArg, Bip, Tic, , Htic, Dip, Sala, Aala, Thza, Thia, Bal, Fala, Pala, and X⁵-Phe;

AA⁴ is a D- or L-isomer of an amino acid selected from the group consisting of Trp, N-Met-Trp, β -Met-Trp, His, hHis, hArg, Bip, Tic, , Htic, Dip, Sala, Aala, Thza, Thia, Bal, Fala, Pala, and an optionally substituted aromatic α -amino acid;

wherein said optionally substituted aromatic α -amino acid is optionally substituted with one or more substituents each independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, NO₂, OH, CN, (C₁₋₄)alkyl, (C₂₋₄)alkenyl, (C₂₋₄)alkynyl, Bzl, O-Bzl, and NR⁹R¹⁰;

AA⁵ is a D- or L-isomer of an amino acid selected from the group consisting of 4-Pip-Gly, 4-Pip-Ala, *cis*-4-Acha, *trans*-4-Acha, *trans*-4-Amcha, hLys, Lys and Orn, and, hArg, Bip, Tic, , Htic, Dip, Sala, Aala, Thza, Thia, Bal, Fala, Pala,

wherein the side-chain amino group of said amino acid is optionally mono- or di-substituted with R³ and R⁴;

AA⁶ is a D- or L-isomer of an amino acid selected from the group consisting of Cys, hCys, Pen, Tpa, and Tmpa;

AA⁷ is absent or a D- or L-isomer of an amino acid selected from the group consisting of R¹¹, Aic, A3c, A4c, A5c, A6c, Abu, Aib, β -Ala, Arg, Bpa, Cha, Deg, Gaba, His, Ile, Leu, Nal, Nle, Pal, Phe, F₅-Phe, Pro, Sar, Ser, Ser(Bzl), Thr, Thr(Bzl), Trp, N-Me-Trp, Val, N-Me-Val, hArg, Bip, Tic, , Htic, Dip, Sala, Aala, Thza, Thia, Bal, Fala, Pala, and X⁰-Phe;

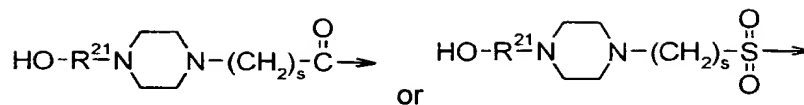
X⁰ is halogen, NO₂, CH₃, OH, CN, Bzl or O-Bzl;

R¹ and R² each is, independently, H, E-, E(O)₂S-, E(O)C-, EOOC-, R¹³, or absent;

R⁵ is -OR⁶ or -NR⁷R⁸;

R¹³ is a moiety of the formula

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wherein R^{21} is (C_{1-4}) alkyl and s is 1, 2, 3, or 4;

provided that:

at least one of AA^1 or AA^2 is present;

5 when AA^1 is a D- or L-isomer of Pro, Hyp, Arg, Pip, hArg, Bip, Bpa, Tic, Cmp, , Inc, Inp, Nip, Ppc, Htic, Thi, Tra, Cmpi, Tpr, , lia, Alla, Aba, Gba, Car, Ipa, Iaa, Inip, Apa, Mim, Thnc, Sala, Aala, Thza, Thia, Bal, Fala, Pala, Dap, Agly, Pgly, Ina, Dipa, Mnf, Inic, I-lqc, 3-lqc, C4c, 5-lqs, Htqa, 4-Mqc, Thn, α -Chpa, Cit, Nua, Pyp or His, AA^2 cannot be a D- or L-isomer

10 of Pro, Hyp, Arg, Pip, hArg, Bip, Bpa, Tic, Cmp, , Inc, Inp, Nip, Ppc, Htic, Thi, Tra, Cmpi, Tpr, , lia, Alla, Aba, Gba, Car, Ipa, Iaa, Inip, Apa, Mim, Thnc, Sala, Aala, Thza, Thia, Bal, Fala, Pala, Dap, Agly, Pgly, Ina, Dipa, Mnf, Inic, I-lqc, 3-lqc, C4c, 5-lqs, Htqa, 4-Mqc, Thn, α -Chpa, Cit, Nua, Pyp or His;

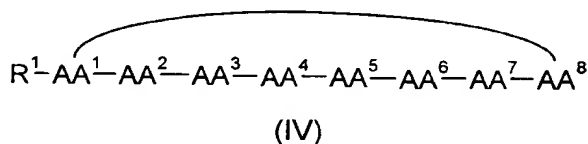
15 when AA^7 is a D- or L-isomer of Thr or of Ser, AA^8 cannot be a D- or L-isomer of Thr or of Ser;

at least one of AA^1 , AA^2 , AA^{3b} , AA^7 , AA^{7b} , or AA^8 is the D- or L-isomer of R^{11} ; and

when one of X^2 or X^3 is $=\text{O}$ or $=\text{S}$, the other is absent;

20 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

4. A compound according to claim 1, wherein said compound is of formula (IV):



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wherein

AA¹ is absent or the D- or L-isomer of an amino acid selected from the group consisting of R¹¹, Aic, Hyp, Pro, Ser, Ser(Bzl), Thr, Thr(Bzl), Tic, Htic, Fala and an optionally substituted aromatic α -amino acid;

wherein said optionally substituted aromatic α -amino acid is optionally substituted with one or more substituents each independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, NO₂, OH, CN, (C₁₋₆)alkyl, (C₂₋₆)alkenyl, (C₂₋₆)alkynyl, (C₁₋₆)alkoxy, Bzl, O-Bzl, and NR⁹R¹⁰;

AA² is absent or the D- or L-isomer of an amino acid selected from the group consisting of R¹¹, Arg, F₅-Phe, His, Pal, Phe, Trp, hArg, Pala, Bal, Fala, , Sala and X⁰-Phe;

AA³ is the D- or L-isomer of an optionally substituted aromatic α -amino acid, wherein said optionally substituted aromatic α -amino acid is optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen, NO₂, OH, CN, (C₁₋₄)alkyl, (C₂₋₄)alkenyl, (C₂₋₄)alkynyl, Bzl, O-Bzl, and NR⁹R¹⁰;

AA⁴ is a D- or L-isomer of an optionally substituted amino acid selected from the group consisting of Trp, N-Met-Trp, β -Me-Trp, Lys, Orn, hLys, *cis*-4-Acha, *trans*-4-Acha, *trans*-4-Amcha, 4-Pip-Gly, 4-Pip-Ala, hArg, Bip, Tic, Htic, Dip, Sala, Aala, Thza, Thia, Bal, Fala, and Pala;

wherein the side chain amino group of said optionally substituted amino acid is optionally substituted with R³ and R⁴;

AA⁵ is absent or a D- or L-isomer of R¹¹, A3c, A4c, A5c, A6c, Abu, Aib, Aic, β -Ala, Bpa, Cha, Deg, F₅-Phe, Gaba, Ile, Leu, Nal, Nle, Pal, Phe, Pro, Sar, Ser, Ser(Bzl), Thr, Thr(Bzl), Trp, N-Me-Trp, Val, N-Me-Val, hArg, Bip, Tic, , Htic, Dip, Sala, Aala, Thza, Thia, Bal, Fala, Pala, or X⁰-Phe;

AA⁶ is absent, the D- or L-isomer of R¹¹, an aromatic α -amino acid, F₅-Phe, Phe, Thr, Thr(Bzl), Ser, Ser(Bzl), or X⁰-Phe;

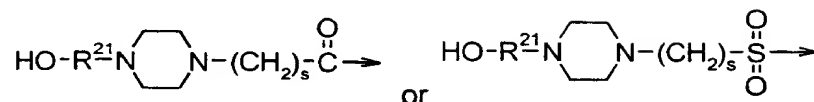
AA⁷ is absent, the D- or L-isomer of R¹¹ or the D- or L-isomer of an aromatic α -amino acid;

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AA⁸ is a D- or L- isomer of R¹¹;

R¹ is H, E-, E(O)₂S-, E(O)C-, EOOC-, or R¹³;

R¹³ is a moiety of the formula



5 wherein R²¹ is (C₁₋₄)alkyl and s is 1, 2, 3, or 4;

X⁰ in the definition of AA² and AA⁵ is halogen, NO₂, OH, (C₁₋₆)alkyl, (C₁₋₆)alkoxy, mono- or di-(C₁₋₆)alkylamino, Bzl or O-Bzl;

X⁰ in the definition of AA⁶ is halogen, NO₂, OH, (C₁₋₆)alkyl, (C₁₋₆)alkoxy, mono- or di-(C₁₋₆)alkylamino, Bzl, O-Bzl, or NR⁹R¹⁰;

10 provided that:

at least one of AA¹ or AA² is present;

when AA¹ is absent, AA² and AA⁸ together form a bond; and

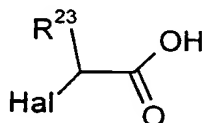
at least two of AA⁵, AA⁶, and AA⁷ are present;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

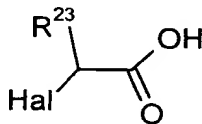
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5. A compound according to claim 2, wherein

AA¹ is absent, Ac-D-Phe, or the D- or L- isomer of R¹¹, Pip, Pro, or Ser, or of an aromatic α-amino acid selected from the group consisting of Cpa, Dip, Nal, Pal, and Phe;



20 AA² is absent, Aic, Pal, Phe, F₅-Phe, 4-NO₂-Phe, Trp, Tyr, Phe(4-O-Bzl)



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- AA³ is the D- or L- isomer of an amino acid selected from the group consisting of Pen, Cys, hCys and Tmpa;
- AA⁴ is the D- or L-isomer of Trp, His, N-Me-Trp, β -Me-Trp, hTrp, or hHis;
- AA⁵ is Lys, hLys, N-Me-Lys, Orn, cis-4-Acha or 4-Pip-Ala;
- 5 AA⁶ is the D- or L-isomer of an amino acid selected from the group consisting of Cys, hCys, Pen and Tmpa;
- AA⁷ is A3c, A4c, A5c, A6c, Abu, Aic, β -Ala, Gaba, Nle, F₅-Phe, Phe, Pro, Sar, Ser, Thr, Thr(Bzl), Tyr, Val or absent; and
- AA⁸ is R¹¹, Nal, Thr, Thr(Bzl), Tyr, Phe(4-O-Bzl), or absent;
- 10 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

6. A compound according to claim 5, wherein
- AA¹ is absent or the D- or L- isomer of R¹¹, Pip or Pro, or of an aromatic α -amino acid selected from the group consisting of Cpa, Dip, Nal, Pal, Phe, and Ac-Phe;
- 15 AA² is Tyr, Pal, Phe, 4-NO₂-Phe, Trp, or absent;
- AA³ is a D- or L-isomer of Cys or Pen;
- AA⁴ is D-Trp;
- AA⁵ is Lys, Orn, or cis-4-Acha;
- 20 AA⁶ is a D- or L-isomer of Cys or Pen;
- AA⁷ is A3c, A4c, A5c, A6c, Abu, Aic, β -Ala, Gaba, Nle, Phe, Pro, Sar, Thr, Thr(Bzl), Tyr, Val, or absent; and
- AA⁸ is R¹¹, Thr, Tyr, Nal, or absent;
- or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

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7. A compound according to claim 3, wherein
- AA¹ is R¹¹, Aic, Hca, Pro, Ser, Ser(Bzl), Trp, Tyr, or a D- or L-isomer of an aromatic α -amino acid selected from the group consisting of Cpa, Nal, Ac-Nal, Phe, Ac-Phe, 4-NO₂-Phe, and Ac-4-NO₂-Phe;

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AA² is Pal, Phe, F₅-Phe, Tyr, or absent;

AA³ is a D- or L-isomer of Cys, hCys, Pen or Tmpa;

AA^{3b} is Pal, 4-Pal, His, Trp, Tyr, Phe(4-O-Bzl), Phe, or R¹¹;

AA⁴ is a D- or L-isomer of Trp or His;

5 AA⁵ is Lys, N-Me-Lys, Orn, hLys, cis-4-Acha, or 4-Pip-Ala;

AA⁶ is a D- or L-isomer of Cys, hCys, Pen or Tmpa;

AA⁷ is R¹¹, A4c, A5c, Abu, β-Ala, Gaba, Phe, F₅-Phe, Ser(Bzl), Thr, Thr(Bzl), Phe(4-O-Bzl), or absent;

AA^{7b} is R¹¹, Nal, F₅-Phe, X⁰-Phe or absent, wherein X⁰ is halogen, NO₂, CH₃,

10 OH, Bzl or O-Bzl; and

AA⁸ is R¹¹, Nal, Tyr, Phe(4-O-Bzl), or absent;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

8. A compound according to claim 7, wherein

15 AA¹ is R¹¹, Aic, Hca, Pro, Ser(Bzl), or a D- or L-isomer of an aromatic α-amino acid selected from the group consisting of Cpa, Nal, Ac-Nal, Phe, Ac-Phe, 4-NO₂-Phe, and Ac-4-NO₂-Phe;

AA² is Pal, Tyr, or absent;

AA³ is a D- or L-isomer of Cys or Pen;

20 AA^{3b} is R¹¹, Pal, 4-Pal, Trp, Tyr, Phe(4-O-Bzl), or Phe, wherein R¹¹ is (T)aeg;

AA⁴ is D-Trp;

AA⁵ is Lys, N-Me-Lys, Orn, or cis-4-Acha;

AA⁶ is a D- or L-isomer of Cys or Pen;

AA⁷ is R¹¹, A5c, Abu, Ser(Bzl), Thr, Thr(Bzl), Phe(4-O-Bzl), Gaba, or absent;

25 AA^{7b} is Nal, X⁰-Phe or absent; and

AA⁸ is Tyr or absent;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

9. A compound according to claim 4, wherein

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- AA¹ is Aic, Hyp, Cpa, D-Cpa, Nal, Pal, Phe, Pro, R¹¹, Tyr or absent;
AA² is Phe, Trp, F₅-Phe, His, Tyr, Phe(4-O-Bzl), or R¹¹;
AA³ is a D-isomer of Trp, His, or Pal;
AA⁴ is Lys, N-Me-Lys, Orn, hLys, cis-4-Acha, or 4-Pip-Ala;
5 AA⁵ is Pal, Phe(4-O-Bzl), Thr(Bzl), Thr, Sar, Gaba, β -Ala, A4c, A5c, A6c, Abu, Aic or absent;
AA⁶ is Thr, Tyr, Ser, F₅-Phe, Cpa, Nal, or D- or L-Phe;
AA⁷ is Nal, Pal, or absent; and
AA⁸ is R¹¹;
10 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

10. A compound according to claim 9, wherein
AA¹ is Cpa, Nal, Pal, Phe, Tyr or absent;
AA² is Phe, Tyr, Trp, or R¹¹;
15 AA³ is D-Trp;
AA⁴ is Lys, N-Me-Lys, or cis-4-Acha;
AA⁵ is Pal, Phe(4-O-Bzl), Aic, Gaba, A5c or absent;
AA⁶ is Thr, Nal, or D- or L-Phe;
AA⁷ is absent; and
20 AA⁸ is R¹¹;
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

11. A compound according to claim 2, wherein R¹ and R⁵ are absent
and the N-terminal amino acid and the C-terminal amino acid together form
25 an amide bond; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

12. A compound according to claim 3, wherein R¹ and R⁵ are absent
and the N-terminal amino acid and the C-terminal amino acid together form
an amide bond; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

13. A compound according to claim 6, wherein said compound is of the formula:

- 5 Ac-D-Phe-Tyr-cyclo(D-Cys-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Abu-Thr-NH₂;
Nal-Tyr-cyclo(Cys-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)-Val-Nal-NH₂;
Nal-Tyr-cyclo(Cys-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)-Abu-Nal-NH₂;
D-Dip-Tyr-cyclo(Cys-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)-Abu-Nal-NH₂;
Dip-Tyr-cyclo(D-Cys-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)-Abu-Nal-NH₂;
Nal-Tyr-cyclo(D-Cys-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)-Abu-Nal-NH₂;
10 Dip-Tyr-cyclo(D-Cys-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)-Val-Nal-NH₂;
Nal-Tyr-cyclo(D-Cys-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)-Val-Nal-NH₂;
cyclo(D-Phe-Tyr-cyclo(D-Cys-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Abu-Thr);
Cpa-Pal-cyclo(D-Cys-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)-A3c-Nal-NH₂;
Cpa-Pal-cyclo(D-Cys-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)-A5c-Nal-NH₂;
15 Cpa-Pal-cyclo(D-Cys-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)-A6c-Nal-NH₂;
(G(z))aeg-cyclo(D-Cys-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)-A5c-Nal-NH₂;
Pal-cyclo(D-Cys-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)-A5c-Nal-NH₂;
Cpa-Pal-cyclo(D-Cys-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)-β-Ala-Nal-NH₂;
Cpa-Pal-cyclo(D-Cys-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)-Sar-Nal-NH₂;
20 Cpa-Pal-cyclo(D-Cys-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)-Gaba-Nal-NH₂;
Cpa-Pal-cyclo(D-Cys-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)-Pro-Nal-NH₂;
Pro-Phe-c(D-Cys-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)-Nle-Phe-NH₂;
Pro-Phe-c(D-Cys-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)-Thr-Nle-NH₂;
Pro-Phe-c(D-Cys-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)-Thr-Phe-NH₂;
25 Cpa-Phe-c(D-Cys-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)-Gaba-NH₂;
Cpa-Phe-c(D-Cys-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)-Gaba-Tyr-NH₂;
Pip-Phe-c(D-Cys-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)-NH₂;
Pip-Phe-c(Cys-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Gaba-NH₂; or
Pro-Phe-c(D-Cys-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)-Thr-NH₂;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

14. A compound according to claim 6, wherein said compound is according to the formula:

- 5 Phe-cyclo(Cys-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Thr-NH₂;
Phe-Tyr-cyclo(D-Cys-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Abu-Thr-NH₂;
Ac-D-Phe-Tyr-cyclo(D-Cys-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Abu-Thr-NH₂;
Nal-Tyr-cyclo(Cys-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)-Val-Nal-NH₂;
Nal-Tyr-cyclo(Cys-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)-Abu-Nal-NH₂;
- 10 Dip-Tyr-cyclo(D-Cys-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)-Abu-Nal-NH₂;
Nal-Tyr-cyclo(D-Cys-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)-Abu-Nal-NH₂;
Dip-Tyr-cyclo(D-Cys-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)-Val-Nal-NH₂;
Nal-Tyr-cyclo(D-Cys-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)-Val-Nal-NH₂;
- 15 Cpa-Pal-cyclo(D-Cys-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)-A3c-Nal-NH₂;
Cpa-Pal-cyclo(D-Cys-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)-A5c-Nal-NH₂;
Cpa-Pal-cyclo(D-Cys-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)-A6c-Nal-NH₂;
(G(z))aeg-cyclo(D-Cys-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)-A5c-Nal-NH₂;
D-Cpa-cyclo(Cys-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)-A5c-Nal-NH₂;
Pal-cyclo(D-Cys-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)-A5c-Nal-NH₂;
- 20 Cpa-cyclo(D-Cys-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)-A5c-Nal-NH₂;
Cpa-Pal-cyclo(D-Cys-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)-β-Ala-Nal-NH₂;
Cpa-Pal-cyclo(D-Cys-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)-Sar-Nal-NH₂;
Cpa-Pal-cyclo(D-Cys-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)-Aic-Nal-NH₂;
Cpa-Pal-cyclo(D-Cys-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)-Gaba-Nal-NH₂;
- 25 Cpa-Pal-cyclo(D-Cys-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)-Pro-Nal-NH₂;
(T)aeg-cyclo(D-Cys-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)-(A)aeg-NH₂;
Cpa-Pal-cyclo(D-Cys-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)-A4c-Nal-NH₂;
Cpa-Pal-cyclo(D-Cys-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)-Nal-NH₂;
Pal-cyclo(D-Cys-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)-Nal-NH₂;

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- Pro-Phe-cyclo(Cys-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)-Val-NH₂;
 Pro-Phe-cyclo(D-Cys-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Val-NH₂;
 Pip-4-NO₂-Phe-cyclo(D-Cys-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)-Nle-NH₂;
 (G)aeg-Pal-cyclo(D-Cys-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)-Thr(Bzl)-(C)aeg-NH₂; or
 5 (C)aeg-Pal-cyclo(D-Cys-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)-Thr(Bzl)-(G)aeg-NH₂;
 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

15. A compound according to claim 8, wherein said compound is according to the formula

- 10 Nal-cyclo(D-Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Nal-NH₂;
 D-Nal-cyclo(D-Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Nal-NH₂;
 D-Phe-cyclo(Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Thr-NH₂;
 D-4-NO₂-Phe-cyclo(D-Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Nal-NH₂;
 Ac-D-4-NO₂-Phe-cyclo(D-Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Nal-NH₂;
 15 D-4-NO₂-Phe-Pal-cyclo(D-Cys-Phe(4-O-Bzl)-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Tyr-NH₂;
 Cpa-cyclo(D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Thr(Bzl)-Tyr-NH₂;
 D-4-NO₂-Phe-cyclo(D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Thr-Tyr-NH₂;
 D-4-NO₂-Phe-cyclo(D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Thr(Bzl)-NH₂;
 D-4-NO₂-Phe-cyclo(D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)-Thr(Bzl)-Tyr-NH₂;
 20 D-4-NO₂-Phe-cyclo(D-Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Thr(Bzl)-Tyr-NH₂;
 4-NO₂-Phe-cyclo(D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Thr(Bzl)-Tyr-NH₂;
 D-Nal-cyclo(D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Thr(Bzl)-Tyr-NH₂;
 Pro-cyclo(D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Thr(Bzl)-Tyr-NH₂;
 Cpa-cyclo(D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Thr(Bzl)-Nal-NH₂;
 25 Ser(Bzl)-cyclo(D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Thr-Tyr-NH₂;
 (T)aeg-cyclo(D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)-Thr(Bzl)-Tyr-NH₂;
 (A)aeg-cyclo(D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Thr(Bzl)-Tyr-NH₂;
 (G)aeg-cyclo(D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Thr(Bzl)-Tyr-NH₂;
 (T)aeg-cyclo(D-Cys-4-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Thr(Bzl)-Tyr-NH₂;

- (T)aeg-cyclo(D-Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Thr(Bzl)-Tyr-NH₂;
 (T)aeg-cyclo(D-Cys-Phe-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Thr(Bzl)-Tyr-NH₂;
 (T)aeg-cyclo(D-Cys-(T)aeg-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Thr(Bzl)-Tyr-NH₂;
 (T)aeg-cyclo(D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Ser(Bzl)-Tyr-NH₂;
 5 (T)aeg-cyclo(D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Phe(4-O-Bzl)-Tyr-NH₂;
 (T)aeg-cyclo(D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-A5c-Tyr-NH₂;
 (T)aeg-cyclo(D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Abu-Tyr-NH₂;
 D-Cpa-cyclo(D-Cys-(T)aeg-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Thr(Bzl)-Tyr-NH₂;
 (C)aeg-c(D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)-Thr(Bzl)-Tyr-NH₂;
 10 D-Cpa-c(D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)Thr(Bzl)-Tyr-NH₂;
 (T)aeg-c(Pen-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)Thr(Bzl)-Tyr-NH₂;
 (T)aeg-c(D-Cys-Trp-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)Thr(Bzl)-Tyr-NH₂;
 (T)aeg-c(D-Cys-Phe-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)Thr(Bzl)-Tyr-NH₂;
 (T)aeg-c(D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Orn-D-Cys)Thr(Bzl)-Tyr-NH₂;
 15 (T)aeg-c(D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-hLys-D-Cys)Thr(Bzl)-Tyr-NH₂;
 (T)aeg-c(D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Iamp-D-Cys)Thr(Bzl)-Tyr-NH₂;
 (T)aeg-c(D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Cha(4-am)-D-Cys)Thr(Bzl)-Tyr-NH₂;
 (T)aeg-c(D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)-Ser(Bzl)-Tyr-NH₂;
 (T)aeg-c(D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)Thr(Bzl)-D-Tyr-NH₂;
 20 (T)aeg-c(D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)Thr(Bzl)-Trp-NH₂;
 (T)aeg-c(D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-D-Pen)Thr(Bzl)-Tyr-NH₂;
 (C)aeg-c(D-Cys-Phe-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)Thr(Bzl)-Tyr-NH₂;
 Ina-c(D-Cys-Phe-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)-Thr(Bzl)-Tyr-NH₂;
 Mnf-c(D-Cys-Phe-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)-Thr(Bzl)-Tyr-NH₂;
 25 Inp-c(D-Cys-Phe-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)-Thr(Bzl)-Tyr-NH₂;
 Nua-c(D-Cys-Phe-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)-Thr(Bzl)-Tyr-NH₂;
 (T)aeg-Pal-c(D-Cys-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)Thr(Bzl)-Tyr-NH₂;
 (T)aeg-Pal-c(D-Cys-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)Tyr(Bzl)-Thr-NH₂;
 (C)aeg-Phe-c(D-Cys-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)Thr(Bzl)-Tyr-NH₂; or

(T)aeg-D-Trp-c(D-Cys-Pal-Lys-D-Cys)Thr(Bzl)-Leu-NH₂;
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

16. A compound according to claim 8, wherein said compound is
5 according to the formula

Hca-cyclo(D-Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Nal-NH₂;
Ac-Nal-cyclo(D-Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Nal-NH₂;
Ac-D-Phe-cyclo(D-Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Nal-NH₂;
Ac-D-Nal-cyclo(D-Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Nal-NH₂;
10 D-Phe-cyclo(D-Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Nal-NH₂;
Nal-cyclo(D-Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Nal-NH₂;
D-Nal-cyclo(D-Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Nal-NH₂;
D-Phe-cyclo(Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Thr-NH₂;
D-4-NO₂-Phe-cyclo(D-Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Nal-NH₂;
15 Ac-D-4-NO₂-Phe-cyclo(D-Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Nal-NH₂;
D-4-NO₂-Phe-Pal-cyclo(D-Cys-Phe(4-O-Bzl)-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Tyr-NH₂;
D-4-NO₂-Phe-cyclo(D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Thr(Bzl)-Tyr-NH₂;
Cpa-cyclo(D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Thr(Bzl)-Tyr-NH₂;
D-4-NO₂-Phe-cyclo(D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Thr(Bzl)-NH₂;
20 D-4-NO₂-Phe-cyclo(D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)-Thr(Bzl)-Tyr-NH₂;
D-4-NO₂-Phe-cyclo(D-Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Thr(Bzl)-Tyr-NH₂;
4-NO₂-Phe-cyclo(D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Thr(Bzl)-Tyr-NH₂;
D-Nal-cyclo(D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Thr(Bzl)-Tyr-NH₂;
Pro-cyclo(D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Thr(Bzl)-Tyr-NH₂;
25 Cpa-cyclo(D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Thr(Bzl)-Nal-NH₂;
Ser(Bzl)-cyclo(D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Thr-Tyr-NH₂;
(T)aeg-cyclo(D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Thr(Bzl)-Tyr-NH₂;
(C)aeg-cyclo(D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Thr(Bzl)-Tyr-NH₂;
Aic-cyclo(D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Thr(Bzl)-Tyr-NH₂;

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- (C(z))aeg-cyclo(D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Thr(Bzl)-Tyr-NH₂;
 (A(z))aeg-cyclo(D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Thr(Bzl)-Tyr-NH₂;
 (T)aeg-cyclo(D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)-Thr(Bzl)-Tyr-NH₂;
 (A)aeg-cyclo(D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Thr(Bzl)-Tyr-NH₂;
 5 (G)aeg-cyclo(D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Thr(Bzl)-Tyr-NH₂;
 (T)aeg-cyclo(D-Cys-4-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Thr(Bzl)-Tyr-NH₂;
 (T)aeg-cyclo(D-Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Thr(Bzl)-Tyr-NH₂;
 (T)aeg-cyclo(D-Cys-Phe-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Thr(Bzl)-Tyr-NH₂;
 (T)aeg-cyclo(D-Cys-(T)aeg-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Thr(Bzl)-Tyr-NH₂;
 10 (T)aeg-cyclo(D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Ser(Bzl)-Tyr-NH₂;
 (T)aeg-cyclo(D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Phe(4-O-Bzl)-Tyr-NH₂;
 (T)aeg-cyclo(D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-A5c-Tyr-NH₂;
 (T)aeg-cyclo(D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Abu-Tyr-NH₂;
 D-Cpa-cyclo(D-Cys-(T)aeg-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Thr(Bzl)-Tyr-NH₂;
 15 (T)aeg-cyclo(D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)-Thr(Bzl)-p-Me-Phe-NH₂;
 Ac-(T)aeg-cyclo(D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)-Thr(Bzl)-Tyr-NH₂;
 (T)aeg-cyclo(D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)-Nal-NH₂;
 D-Cpa-cyclo(D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)-Nal-NH₂;
 (A)aeg-cyclo(D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)-Thr(Bzl)-Tyr-NH₂; (C)aeg-
 20 cyclo(D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)-Thr(Bzl)-Tyr-NH₂;
 (C)aeg-c(D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)-Thr(Bzl)-Tyr-NH₂;
 D-Cpa-c(D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)Thr(Bzl)-Tyr-NH₂;
 (T)aeg-c(Pen-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)Thr(Bzl)-Tyr-NH₂;
 (T)aeg-c(D-Cys-Trp-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)Thr(Bzl)-Tyr-NH₂;
 25 (T)aeg-c(D-Cys-Phe-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)Thr(Bzl)-Tyr-NH₂;
 (T)aeg-c(D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Orn-D-Cys)Thr(Bzl)-Tyr-NH₂;
 (T)aeg-c(D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-hLys-D-Cys)Thr(Bzl)-Tyr-NH₂;
 (T)aeg-c(D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Iamp-D-Cys)Thr(Bzl)-Tyr-NH₂;
 (T)aeg-c(D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Cha(4-am)-D-Cys)Thr(Bzl)-Tyr-NH₂;

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- (T)aeg-c(D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)-Ser(Bzl)-Tyr-NH₂;
 (T)aeg-c(D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)Thr(Bzl)-D-Tyr-NH₂;
 (T)aeg-c(D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)Thr(Bzl)-Trp-NH₂;
 (T)aeg-c(D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-D-Pen)Thr(Bzl)-Tyr-NH₂;
 5 (C)aeg-c(D-Cys-Phe-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)Thr(Bzl)-Tyr-NH₂;
 Ina-c(D-Cys-Phe-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)-Thr(Bzl)-Tyr-NH₂;
 Mnf-c(D-Cys-Phe-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)-Thr(Bzl)-Tyr-NH₂;
 Inp-c(D-Cys-Phe-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)-Thr(Bzl)-Tyr-NH₂;
 Nua-c(D-Cys-Phe-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)-Thr(Bzl)-Tyr-NH₂;
 10 (T)aeg-Pal-c(D-Cys-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)Thr(Bzl)-Tyr-NH₂;
 (T)aeg-Pal-c(D-Cys-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)Tyr(Bzl)-Thr-NH₂;
 (C)aeg-Phe-c(D-Cys-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)Thr(Bzl)-Tyr-NH₂; or
 (T)aeg-D-Trp-c(D-Cys-Pal-Lys-D-Cys)Thr(Bzl)-Leu-NH₂;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

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17. A compound according to claim 10, wherein said compound is according to the formula

cyclo(Trp-D-Trp-Lys-Phe(4-O-Bzl)-Phe-(T)aeg);

cyclo(Trp-D-Trp-Lys-Pal-Phe -(T)aeg); or

20 cyclo(Phe-Phe-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-(T)aeg);

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

18. A method of eliciting a neuromedin B receptor agonist effect in a subject in need thereof, wherein said method comprises administering to
 25 said subject an effective amount of a compound according to claim 13 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

19. A method of eliciting a somatostatin receptor agonist effect in a subject in need thereof, wherein said method comprises administering to

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said subject an effective amount of a compound according to claim 14 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

20. A method of eliciting a neuromedin B receptor agonist effect in a
5 subject in need thereof, wherein said method comprises administering to said subject an effective amount of a compound according to claim 15 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

21. A method of eliciting a somatostatin receptor agonist effect in a
10 subject in need thereof, wherein said method comprises administering to said subject an effective amount of a compound according to claim 16 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

22. A method of eliciting a somatostatin receptor agonist effect in a
15 subject in need thereof, wherein said method comprises administering to said subject an effective amount of a compound according to claim 17 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, provided said compound is not
cyclo(Trp-D-Trp-Lys-Phe(4-O-Bzl)-Phe-(T)aeg); or
cyclo(Trp-D-Trp-Lys-Pal-Phe -(T)aeg).

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23. A method of eliciting a SSTR-1 agonist effect in a subject in need thereof, wherein said method comprises administering to said subject an effective amount of a compound according to claim 14 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, provided said compound is not

25 Nal-Tyr-cyclo(Cys-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)-Val-Nal-NH₂;
Nal-Tyr-cyclo(Cys-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)-Abu-Nal-NH₂;
Dip-Tyr-cyclo(D-Cys-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)-Abu-Nal-NH₂;
Nal-Tyr-cyclo(D-Cys-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)-Abu-Nal-NH₂;
Dip-Tyr-cyclo(D-Cys-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)-Val-Nal-NH₂;

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Nal-Tyr-cyclo(D-Cys-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)-Val-Nal-NH₂;
 Cpa-Pal-cyclo(D-Cys-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)-A3c-Nal-NH₂;
 Cpa-Pal-cyclo(D-Cys-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)-A5c-Nal-NH₂;
 Cpa-Pal-cyclo(D-Cys-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)-A6c-Nal-NH₂;
 5 (G(z))aeg-cyclo(D-Cys-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)-A5c-Nal-NH₂;
 D-Cpa-cyclo(Cys-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)-A5c-Nal-NH₂;
 Pal-cyclo(D-Cys-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)-A5c-Nal-NH₂;
 Cpa-cyclo(D-Cys-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)-A5c-Nal-NH₂;
 Cpa-Pal-cyclo(D-Cys-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)-β-Ala-Nal-NH₂;
 10 cyclo(D-Cys-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)-A5c-Nal-NH₂;
 Cpa-Pal-cyclo(D-Cys-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)-Sar-Nal-NH₂;
 Cpa-Pal-cyclo(D-Cys-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)-Aic-Nal-NH₂;
 Cpa-Pal-cyclo(D-Cys-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)-Gaba-Nal-NH₂; or
 Cpa-Pal-cyclo(D-Cys-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)-Pro-Nal-NH₂.

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24. A method of eliciting a SSTR-1 agonist effect in a subject in need thereof, wherein said method comprises administering to said subject an effective amount of a compound according to claim 16 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof provided said compound is not

20 Ac-D-Phe-cyclo(D-Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Nal-NH₂;
 Ac-D-Nal-cyclo(D-Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Nal-NH₂;
 D-Phe-cyclo(D-Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Nal-NH₂;
 Nal-cyclo(D-Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Nal-NH₂;
 D-Nal-cyclo(D-Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Nal-NH₂;
 25 D-4-NO₂-Phe-cyclo(D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Thr(Bzl)-Tyr-NH₂;
 Cpa-cyclo(D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Thr(Bzl)-Tyr-NH₂;
 D-4-NO₂-Phe-cyclo(D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Thr(Bzl)-NH₂;
 D-4-NO₂-Phe-cyclo(D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)-Thr(Bzl)-Tyr-NH₂;
 D-4-NO₂-Phe-cyclo(D-Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Thr(Bzl)-Tyr-NH₂;

- 4-NO₂-Phe-cyclo(D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Thr(Bzl)-Tyr-NH₂;
 D-Nal-cyclo(D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Thr(Bzl)-Tyr-NH₂;
 Pro-cyclo(D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Thr(Bzl)-Tyr-NH₂;
 Cpa-cyclo(D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Thr(Bzl)-Nal-NH₂;
 5 Ser(Bzl)-cyclo(D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Thr-Tyr-NH₂;
 (T)aeg-cyclo(D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Thr(Bzl)-Tyr-NH₂;
 (C)aeg-cyclo(D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Thr(Bzl)-Tyr-NH₂;
 Aic-cyclo(D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Thr(Bzl)-Tyr-NH₂;
 (T)aeg-cyclo(D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-D-Cys)-Thr(Bzl)-Tyr-NH₂;
 10 (A)aeg-cyclo(D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Thr(Bzl)-Tyr-NH₂;
 (G)aeg-cyclo(D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Thr(Bzl)-Tyr-NH₂;
 (T)aeg-cyclo(D-Cys-4-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Thr(Bzl)-Tyr-NH₂;
 (T)aeg-cyclo(D-Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Thr(Bzl)-Tyr-NH₂;
 (T)aeg-cyclo(D-Cys-Phe-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Thr(Bzl)-Tyr-NH₂;
 15 (T)aeg-cyclo(D-Cys-(T)aeg-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Thr(Bzl)-Tyr-NH₂;
 (T)aeg-cyclo(D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Ser(Bzl)-Tyr-NH₂;
 (T)aeg-cyclo(D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Phe(4-O-Bzl)-Tyr-NH₂;
 (T)aeg-cyclo(D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-A5c-Tyr-NH₂;
 (T)aeg-cyclo(D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Abu-Tyr-NH₂; or
 20 D-Cpa-cyclo(D-Cys-(T)aeg-D-Trp-Lys-Cys)-Thr(Bzl)-Tyr-NH₂.

25. A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective amount of a compound according to claim 1 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

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26. A method of treating a disease in a subject, said method comprising administering to said subject a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of claim 1, wherein said disease is selected from the list consisting of lung cancer, glioma, anorexia, hypothyroidism,

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hyperaldosteronism, H. pylori proliferation, acromegaly, restenosis, Crohn's disease, systemic sclerosis, external and internal pancreatic pseudocysts and ascites, VIPoma, nesidoblastosis, hyperinsulinism, gastrinoma, Zollinger-Ellison Syndrome, diarrhea, AIDS related diarrhea, chemotherapy
5 related diarrhea, scleroderma, Irritable Bowel Syndrome, pancreatitis, small bowel obstruction, gastroesophageal reflux, duodenogastric reflux, Cushing's Syndrome, gonadotropinoma, hyperparathyroidism, Graves' Disease, diabetic neuropathy, Paget's disease, polycystic ovary disease, thyroid cancer, hepatome, leukemia, meningioma, cancer cachexia,
10 orthostatic hypotension, postprandial hypotension, panic attacks, GH secreting adenomas, Acromegaly, TSH secreting adenomas, prolactin secreting adenomas, insulinoma, glucagonoma, diabetes mellitus, hyperlipidemia, insulin insensitivity, Syndrome X, angiopathy, proliferative retinopathy, dawn phenomenon, Nephropathy, gastric acid secretion, peptic
15 ulcers, enterocutaneous fistula, pancreaticocutaneous fistula, Dumping syndrome, watery diarrhea syndrome, pancreatitis, gastrointestinal hormone secreting tumor, angiogenesis, arthritis, allograft rejection, graft vessel bleeding, portal hypertension, gastrointestinal bleeding, obesity, and opioid overdose.

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